DURHAM 150

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WE'RE 150 YEARS OLD, Y'ALL

As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Durham throughout 2019, we're honoring the changemakers who shaped Durham's unique sense of place, and we're rightfully touting Durham's position in the future. Home to activists, scholars, artists, and entrepreneurs, we're accustomed to movement, creativity, and blazing new trails.

We're not planning on slowing down anytime soon. Before the South – more, the country – was ready, Durham held a steadfast commitment to innovation and justice. A century and a half later, our roots continue to bear fruit in the form of a bold, industrious, passionate community. Here's to the past, present, and future of the Bull City... welcome to the year of Durham 150.

2019 OPENING EVENTS

The Durham 150 year of celebration is supported by the CITY OF DURHAM, DISCOVER DURHAM, MUSEUM OF DURHAM HISTORY, and the generous contributions of Durham residents, businesses, and organizations.

Though we've compiled a small sampling of events taking place during the anniversary month (April 2019) below, over 150 events will take place throughout the calendar year.

APRIL 4-7 2019

FULL FRAME DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL

One of Durham's premier cultural events, this festival will take place at the historic Carolina Theatre and other downtown venues.

APRIL 10 2019

DURHAM'S ANNIVERSARY DATE

The incorporation of The City of Durham took place on April 10, 1869.

APRIL 11 2019

DURHAM BULLS' HOME OPENER

The championship-winning team returns to the Durham Bulls Athletic Park on April 11, hosting games throughout the weekend.

APRIL 13 2019

DURHAM 150 OPENING CELEBRATION

The official celebration of Durham's anniversary for the whole community.

APRIL 25-28 2019

MOOGFEST

The team behind the music and technology festival are working to make the festival's 15th anniversary extra special.

Check **DURHAM150.ORG** to find events designated to honor and celebrate the sesquicentennial.

DURHAM WASN'T BUILT IN A DAY

We'll never have enough space to fully encapsulate all of the people, places, and events that have made Durham what it is today. While Durham is ever-changing, its foundation was built by those bold enough to dream and brave enough to be different. Here are some notable dates from the formative beginning of the Bull City.

1849

Dr. Bartlett Durham offered a four-acre tract of his land to the North Carolina Railroad to build a station. The railroad went on to name the stop after Durham in his honor. He is for whom the city is named.

1869

The City of Durham was incorporated on April 10, 1869 by the General Assembly. In 2019, we'll celebrate the 150th anniversary of the incorporation.

1890

The American Tobacco Company was founded by J.B. Duke. At its inception, the company produced more than 90 percent of the cigarettes made in the US. Today, the factory has been transformed into a live, work, and play destination.

1892

Trinity College moved from Randolph County to Durham, expanded to Duke University in 1924, and was situated where Duke's East Campus is located today.

1898

John Merrick founded North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, which is the largest and oldest African American-owned life insurance company in the nation today. A few years after its founding, M&F Bank became one of the nation's strongest African American-owned and managed banks.

Visit **Durham150.org** to learn more about Durham's history.

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

Durham was built on purpose. A series of intentional connections, genuine relationships, and unapologetic endeavors created a community that took forward progress by the horns. That progress relentlessly continues to this day. Learn more at **Durham150.org**.

INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

FROM TOBACCO TO TECH

Once home to the largest tobacco company in the world, the iconic American Tobacco Campus has found new life today. The American Underground, one of 12 Google for Entrepreneurs tech hubs in North America, launched in ATC in 2010 and helped Durham earn the earn the title of "Startup Capital of the South" by CNBC. Nearby, Black Wall Street remains a brick-clad reminder of entrepreneurship and ingenuity.

ARTS & LEISURE

DURHAM IS A SHOWSTOPPER

Ranked one of the most vibrant midsized arts communities in the country, Durham is a creative epicenter filled with acclaimed artists and stellar venues for national touring acts. Durham is home to DPAC, Durham Performing Arts Center, as well as the historic Carolina Theatre, the African American Dance Ensemble, Duke Performances, the American Dance Festival, and many others.

HISTORY & EDUCATION

ONE OF THE MOST EDUCATED CITIES IN AMERICA

Duke University is one of the most prestigious universities in the country, consistently included near the top of college rankings. Additionally, the medical research community at Duke University Health System draws incredible minds from international communities. NC Central is home to an art museum, biomanufacturing and biomedical research institutes, an award-winning marching band, and 15 athletic teams.

SOCIAL EQUITY & ROBUST DEMOCRACY

SHARED PROSPERITY

The central goal of the City of Durham's strategic plan of shared prosperity promotes an environment in which human and workforce development and business growth encourage an inclusive economy. Initiatives will help create an inclusive environment, build a talented, competitive workforce, and continue to grow civic infrastructure.

THE Road to DURHAM 150

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YOUR CHANCE TO TRAVERSE 150 YEARS OF DURHAM HISTORY IS HERE, ONE MOVE AT A TIME!

HOW TO PLAY:

1. To begin, grab a knick-knack to be your board game token. A coin or something of similar size will work.

2. At the start of game, roll a die and move your token according to the number you roll.

3. If you land on a colored tile along the path, follow the corresponding instructions below:

NAVY TILE
SOCIAL EQUITY & ROBUST DEMOCRACY
Join the player directly ahead of you!

TEAL TILE
ARTS & LEISURE
Add 2 to your next roll!

ORANGE TILE
INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP
Move ahead to the next blank tile!

RED TILE
HISTORY & EDUCATION
Answer a Durham Trivia question correctly for another roll!

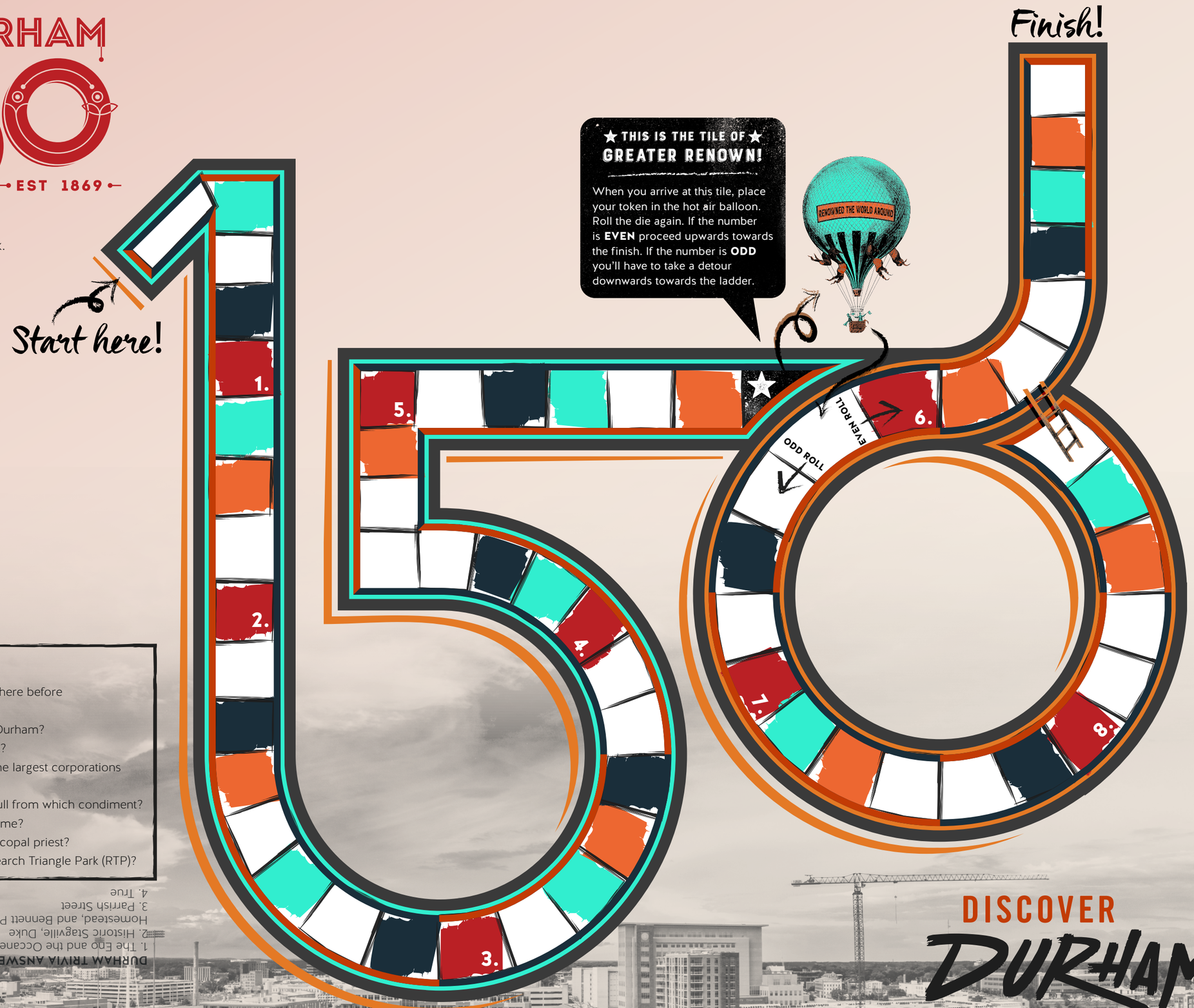
4. The first player to the finish wins!

DURHAM TRIVIA QUESTIONS:

1. What are the two Native American tribes that lived and farmed here before Europeans arrived?
2. What are the names of the three state historic sites located in Durham?
3. Which Downtown Durham street is known as Black Wall Street?
4. True or False: American Tobacco Company was once one of the largest corporations in the world?
5. The name "Bull Durham" is said to have been taken from the bull from which condiment?
6. Which teams played in the South's first interracial basketball game?
7. Who was the first African American woman to become an Episcopal priest?
8. What are four notable innovations that were developed at Research Triangle Park (RTP)?

DURHAM TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. The Eno and the Occaneechi
2. Historic Stagville, Duke Homestead, and Bennett Place
3. Parrish Street
4. True
5. Coleman's Mustard
6. North Carolina College for Negroes (now NCCU) and Duke University's medical school
7. Pauli Murray
8. Astroturf, AZT, crtl+alt+del, and the barcode



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